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THE CITY TAKES GOVERNMENT TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD In mid-November 2005 and just last month, city staff visited over 1200 south Scottsdale homes in the Los Arcos and Papago neighborhoods, literally knocking on doors on a Saturday morning to talk with area-residents about the city's Revitalization Program as well as elicit their input about issues and opportunities for their neighborhoods. Following each door-to-door effort, residents joined staff, the Mayor and City Council members for a city-sponsored picnic, with additional resource information, children's activities and neighborhood networking. As part of the Scottsdale's continued Revitalization efforts in the area south of Indian Bend Road, city staff are planning to take the government to the residents once again on Saturday, March 11 in the Vista Neighborhood (generally bordered by McDowell to McKinley, Hayden to the Greenbelt). For more information, contact (480) 312-3111.

PD AND CODE ENFORCEMENT SCOPE THE STREETS The city's code enforcement team, along with the Scottsdale Police Department continues to look for ways to partner in identifying parking violations in neighborhoods. To do this, Scottsdale code inspectors will soon acquire 5 handheld ticket devices to increase the rate at which code enforcement can assist the Police Department in identifying on-street parking violations. Currently, the handheld devices, and associated Powerpark software, allows automated ticket generation and ticket downloads to the City Court helping to reduce data entry/ processing hours that are typically required for handwritten tickets. Code inspectors have addressed more than 100 on-street parking issues with the use of one handheld ticket device since the start of 2006. For more information, Malcolm Hankins, code enforcement manager, (480) 312-7759.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS = ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES On February 16th, city staff met with representatives of Scottsdale Crossing (southeast corner of Thomas and Scottsdale roads) and an area neighborhood leader, to kick-off a cooperative effort to mitigate Scottsdale Crossing's impact on adjacent residents. Prior to the meeting, neighborhood advocates surveyed residents to the south and east of the center noting 14 concerns which include late-night noise, security lighting and landscape maintenance. Together, ACF Property Management, Albertson's and the city are working with residents to develop a plan to respond to the identified issues. As part of the plan, the Scottsdale Police Department will be addressing transient activity on the property. For more information, contact Decima Sever, Citizen Liaison, (480) 312-4126.

LOWERING LANDSCAPE COULD LOWER CRIME RATES On Saturday, Feb. 25, twelve S.T.O.M.P. (Scottsdale Teens On a Mission for Progress) teenagers partnered with the Scottsdale Police Department in an effort to help reduce the incidences of burglaries in the Riviera Trailer Park community, 601 N. Hayden. According to Scottsdale Police, an overgrowth of shrubs and trees along the exterior of private properties can be a conducive environment for predators to climb, undetected, over walls and fences. This city collaborative event was a result of Scottsdale's ongoing Revitalization efforts where 7 Riviera Park properties received landscape improvements to help increase safety in the neighborhood. In addition, Scottsdale Police beat officers have also increased their patrols and their involvement in this community, both helping to reduce incidences of burglaries as well as the perception of this issue. For more information, contact Sean Duggan, Dist. One Commander, (480) 312-2571.



ELDORADO PARK HITS A HOME RUN WITH LOCAL TEENS With Coronado High School campus renovations underway, the city of Scottsdale is working with the Scottsdale Unified School District to provide ball field facilities while the high school undergoes a facelift. Through an intergovernmental agreement between the city and the school district, the city has already converted the north softball field at Eldorado Park into Coronado High School's home field for baseball use this spring. At the conclusion of their season, Eldorado Park's north field will receive new irrigation, a field renovation, lighting upgrades and new backstops. Work on the north field will be completed by mid-June. South field work will conclude by September. During this time, city staff will also address the parking lot and landscape areas adjacent to Miller Road with a new landscape palette and granite. For more information, contact Bill Murphy, Parks and Grounds Management Director, (480) 312-7954.

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